

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, DALLAS (89-43)

DATE: 11/22/63

FROM : SA ROBERT C. LISH

SUBJECT: UNSUB; Assassination of
President JOHN F. KENNEDY

✓ HOWARD LESLIE BRENNAN, employed as steamfitter for construction company working in area behind Texas School Book Depository, advised he was seated directly across from the building at about 12:30 PM today, at which time he had just observed the Presidential party pass in an automobile directly before where seated. The Presidential car had moved about 30 yards away when BRENNAN heard what he first thought was the backfire of an automobile and he does not distinctly remember the second shot, but the thought occurred someone must have been shooting firecrackers and therefore there must have been a second shot, distinctly remembering what he considers a third shot, whereupon he looked upward and observed a man standing on the 6th floor at a window in the Texas School Book Depository with a rifle in his hand which protruded outside the window a short distance and was pointed in the direction of the Presidential car. He observed this person to take deliberate aim and after the shot was fired, saw the man lower the rifle and step back from the window, observing momentarily the scene below.

BRENNAN described the man in the window with the rifle as white male, early 30's, appeared to be about 5'10", 165 lbs., no hat, wearing light colored clothes, possibly khaki, could have been wearing a sweater or light weight jacket.

BRENNAN estimates the distance between where seated and where the man was standing to be about 90 feet. BRENNAN volunteered information to the effect he is considered far sighted by his optometrist..

BRENNAN advised he later viewed LEE OSWALD in a police lineup, Dallas PD, at which time he failed to positively identify him as the person he had observed standing in the window with a rifle, but that of all the persons in the lineup, he most closely resembled the man he observed with the rifle.

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